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1. Information Disclosure Statement By Applicant- 2 pages;
2. Copies of four (4) Foreign Patent Documents;
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